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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Platon
4 Constantine Deliyannis of Deerfield; and

5 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a brilliant mathematics
6 scholar, whose contributions to academia were exceeded only by
7 his love and devotion to his wife, children, and grandchildren;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was born on August 21, 1931, in
10 Athens, Greece; his parents were Constantine and Synodia
11 (Korbeti) Deliyannis; and

12 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis received a degree in electrical
13 and mechanical engineering from the prestigious National
14 Metsovion Polytechnic University in Athens in 1954; soon after,
15 he began his graduate studies in the United States at the
16 University of Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis' studies were interrupted when
18 he was required to return to Greece to serve over 2 years as a
19 naval officer in the Greek Royal Navy; and

20 WHEREAS, Following his military service in Greece, Platon

1 Deliyannis resumed his studies at the University of Chicago and
2 received a Doctorate of Mathematics from the institution in
3 1963; and

4 WHEREAS, From 1966 to 1969, Platon Deliyannis and his
5 family moved back to Athens, Greece, where he served as the
6 Director of the Center for Advanced Studies in Physics of the
7 Nuclear Research Centre Demokritos to consider the peaceful
8 uses of nuclear energy; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1969, Platon Deliyannis and his family moved
10 back to the United States, settling in Deerfield, where he
11 served as a Professor at the Illinois Institute of Technology
12 for 32 years and as Professor Emeritus for the following 9
13 years; and

14 WHEREAS, During his career, Platon Deliyannis was a widely
15 respected scholar in the international mathematics community,
16 especially for his research in measure theory and functional
17 analysis, and was particularly noted for his pioneering
18 research in quantum logics and the mathematical foundations of
19 quantum theory; and

20 WHEREAS, Aside from his academic scholarship, Platon
21 Deliyannis was a faculty member that was respected and liked by
22 his peers and his students; and

1 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was active in the Greek Orthodox
2 Church; he was a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Greek
3 Orthodox Church for 29 years and the Ascension of Our Lord
4 Greek Orthodox Church for the last 10 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a cultured and enlightened
6 man who was a passionate fan of classical music; he played the
7 piano and classical guitar and regularly attended the symphony
8 and opera; he was an avid reader; he enjoyed cooking and
9 entertaining with friends; he travelled to virtually every
10 country in Europe, as well as China, Canada, and 39 U.S.
11 states; he also enjoyed woodworking and building bookcases and
12 other furniture; and

13 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis was a kind and gentle man of the
14 highest integrity, who had a robust sense of humor, a loving
15 demeanor, and a genuine zest for life; and

16 WHEREAS, Platon Deliyannis placed above all else his
17 devotion to his beloved family, including his wife Virginia
18 (Revidi) Deliyannis, their children, Constantine Deliyannis
19 and Anny (Deliyannis) Gary, and their grandchildren, Alex,
20 Harry, Simon, and Zoe, all of whom survive him and who loved
21 him dearly; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
3 mourn the passing of Platon Constantine Deliyannis; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Platon Deliyannis as an expression
7 of our sympathy.